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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: AFGHANISTAN'S KANDAHAR CEMENT PLANT

REF: STATE 302643

1. ON DECEMBER 12 I DISCUSSED SUBJECT PROJECT WITH AFGHAN MINISTER OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES ASSIFI. HE SAID THAT, EARLIER IN DECEMBER AT THE ESCAP MEETING IN BANGKOK, HE HAD MET AT LENGTH WITH THE IRANIAN MINISTER OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES, REZA AMIN. HE HAD GIVEN AMIN THE FULL DETAILS ON THE PLANT, STRESSING ITS PROVEN FEASIBILITY AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) CONSIDERS AN IRANIAN COMMITMENT TO FINANCE IT. HE SAID THAT AMIN PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION ON HIS RETURN TO TEHRAN.

2. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN AND I HAVE AGREED THAT AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN WILL PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH AMIN IN TEHRAN.

3. ON DECEMBER 26, AFTER RECEIVING REFTEL, I TELEPHONED ASSIFI. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTIONS, HE SAID HE HAD HEARD OF NO PLAN FOR AN IRANIAN-AFGHAN MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT AND WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE PLANNING MINISTRY TO ASCERTAIN IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MR. KAPOOR OF FULLER CORP. TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN IN EARLY JANUARY. HE SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ME SOON.

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4. COMMENT: IF, PER REFTEL, THE IRANIANS ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS PROJECT WITH THE AFGHANS, IT IS STRANGE THAT ASSIFI, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT ON THE AFGHAN SIDE, HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED. IF THERE IS AFGHAN HESITATION, IT MAY BE DUE TO THE FACT THAT A FULL-TIME NEW MINISTER OF PLANNING HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED. MINISTER OF COMMERCE JALLALAR IS CURRENTLY

ACTING AS MINISTER OF PLANNING, AND I EXPECT TO HAVE A MEETING
WITH HIM WITHIN A WEEK OR SO WHEN I WILL RAISE THIS MATTER
WITH HIM.

5. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HAVING FULLER INFORMED OF THE
FOREGOING.
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